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NEW JERSEY RACING COMMISSION

Horse Racing

Eligibility; Registration Required

Adopted Rule: N.J.A.C. 13:70-6.53

Proposed: May 3, 2004 at 36 N.J.R. 2157(a)

Adopted: August 18, 2004 by the New Jersey Racing Commission,

Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ As R. 2004 \_\_\_\_\_, without change

Authority: N.J.S.A. 5:5-30

Effective Date: September 20, 2004

Expiration Date: December 22, 2004

Summary of Public Comments and Agency Responses:

COMMENT:

Barbara Sachau of New Jersey is in opposition of the proposal stating there is a decline in the use of race horses which is resulting in an abundance of horses being neglected and abused. It is her opinion that there should be a moratorium placed on the breeding of horses in New Jersey.

RESPONSE:

Not accepted. Actually, the number of horses available to participate in races has declined over the years . This rule amendment is a result of a petition from the New Jersey

Thoroughbred Breeders' Association to attempt to reverse the trend of a decline in the number of horses available for races by increasing the number of New Jersey bred horses foaled each year and the number of stallions standing in New Jersey. Moreover, the Commission is not aware of any increase in the abuse of race horses and rejects the respondent's claim that there is such an increase.

#### Federal Standards Statement

A Federal standards analysis is not required because the rules of racing are dictated by State statute, N.J.S.A. 5:5-22, et seq., and the adopted amendment is not subject to any Federal requirements or standards.

The full text of the adopted rule can be found in the New Jersey Register at 36 N.J.R. 2157(a).